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In re Application of: Eugene T. Butchma )  
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For: BINDER APPARATUS )

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 4 and 5.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A binder apparatus comprising:  
a first cover portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge,  
and a second side edge;  
a first spine portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge and  
a second side edge, said first side edge being hingeably connected to a side edge  
of said first cover portion,  
a second cover portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge,  
and as second side edge, the first side edge of said second cover portion being  
hingeably connected to the second edge of said first spine portion,

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